

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel E. Bosley

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the creation of a women's rights history trail.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Daniel E. Bosley	1st Berkshire

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CREATION OF A WOMEN'S RIGHTS HISTORY TRAIL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 161B of the General Laws as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition is hereby amended by adding
2 the following section:-

3 Section 28. (a) The secretary, in cooperation with the executive director of the office of travel and
4 tourism, in this section called "executive director", shall develop and implement a "Women's Rights
5 History Trail" program. Said program shall promote education and awareness of the struggle for
6 women's rights throughout history.

7 (b) The women's rights history trail shall include, but shall not be limited to properties and sites that tell
8 the story of the 72 year struggle for women's suffrage. The secretary and executive director shall seek the
9 advice of local government officials or entities and interested groups to identify properties and sites that
10 are historically and thematically associated with the struggle for women's rights and women's suffrage to
11 be a part of the trail. These properties and sites shall include, but be limited to, the Susan B. Anthony
12 House located in the town of Adams, the Orchard House located in the town of Concord, and Brinley Hall
13 located in the city of Worcester. The secretary and executive director shall develop the women's rights
14 history trail so that it is relatively simple and easy to follow for patrons.

15 (c) The secretary and executive director shall produce and disseminate appropriate educational materials
16 regarding the trail route, such as handbooks, maps, exhibits, signs, interpretive guides, and electronic
17 information.

18 (d) The executive director shall develop vacation itineraries based on the women's rights history trail,
19 which shall identify for visitors surrounding attractions, restaurants, farms, lodging and other exhibits or
20 places of entertainment as may be a part of the historical theme linking the properties and sites on the
21 women's rights history trail. The executive director shall develop discount packages for such women's
22 rights history trail, which may include the development of a women's rights history trail passport.

23 (e) The secretary is authorized to permit the erection and maintenance of signs on the state highway
24 system or trails designated pursuant to this section; provided however, that the trail designation shall be of
25 a ceremonial nature and the official names of such highways shall not be changed as a result of such
26 designations.